

Docket No. 24180-667001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

OF STRATENT

Certificate of Ma Genske. et al. U.S. Patent) Application No. 09/470,386 I hereby certify that on August 28, 2000, this correspondence is being deposited with the United Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Filed: December 22, 1999 Assistant Commissioner of Patents FOR: MULTILAYER FILM STRUCTURES Washington, DC 20231 HAVING IMPROVED SEAL AND TEAR **PROPERTIES** Examiner: Not Assigned Art Unit:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each reference cited on the attached form PTO-1499 is provided as part of this filing.

Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to mailing date of the first Office action on the merits of the above-identified application. Therefore, Applicants submits that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of these references pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b).

Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any reference or other art, including the disclosures of those references and other information discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

The citation of the above documents and other information is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-0206.

Date: August 28, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

By:

Joy Ann G. Serauskas Registration No. 27,952

McDermott, Will & Emery

227 West Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60606-5096

312-372-2000

CHI99 3388443-1.024180.0667



TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	09/470,386
Filing Dat	December 22, 1999
First Named Inventor	Roger P. Genske
Group Art Unit	1775
Examiner Name	Not Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	24180-667001

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)			
Fee Transmitta Fee Attache Amendment/ Ro After Final After Final Affidavits/do Extension of Ti Express Abando Information Dis Statement Certified Copy Document(s) Response to Mi Incomplete App Response to Parts under 1.52 or 1.5	esponse eclaration(s) me Request nment Request closure of Priority issing Parts/ clication Missing 37 CFR	☐ Assignment Papers ☐ After Allowance Communication (for an Application) to Group ☐ Drawing(s) ☐ Appeal Communication to Board ☐ Licensing-related Papers ☐ Appeals and Interferences ☐ Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) ☐ Appeal Communication to Group ☐ Appeal Communication to Group ☐ Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief! ☐ Proprietary Information ☐ Status Letter ☐ Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief! ☐ Proprietary Information ☐ Status Letter ☐ Additional Enclosure(s): ☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences ☐ Proprietary Information ☐ Status Letter ☐ Additional Enclosure(s): ☐ (please identify below) ☐ (please identify below) Remarks ☐ Request for Refund	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT			
Firm or Individual name Signature	Joy Ann G. Serauskas McDermott, Will & Emery Joy Am & Seraushus		
Date August 28, 2000			

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington		
Typed or printed name Ann Galicia///		
Signature RY Wille	Date August 28, 2000	